



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 9

Meeting Date: 4/24/07
Meeting Location: Hendricks County Dept. of Child Services
6781 E US Hwy. 36, Avon, IN 46123

Council Members Present:

Kandi Killin - Boone County CASA Director, Barbara South - Putnam County DCS Director, Steve Vaughn - Montgomery County DCS Director -, Tim Miller - Morgan County DCS Director, Jana Minks - Montgomery County Supervisor, Harmony Gist - Morgan County FCM and Char Burkett-Sims - Regional Manager

Guests Present:

Andrea Goodwin - Hendricks County DCS, Kamilla Aeschliman - Boone County DCS, Mark Fairchild - Region 9 Community Partners for Child Safety, Lisa Plewa - Children's Bureau, Chris Shipman - Morgan County DCS, Patti Harmless- Putnam County Youth Development and Community Youth Services Bureau, Theresa Carney - Children's Bureau, Lisa Peck - Children's Bureau (FAKT), Emily Perry - Indianapolis Institute for Families.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Meeting Minutes: The Minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

In Home Substance Abuse Assessments:

Susan Carney presented information regarding the Children's Bureau Substance Abuse Assessment process and equipment. Assessments can be initiated within 24 hours of the referral. The assessment is completed within 72 hours. The written evaluation is sent within 14 days, unless there is an emergency. The assessment covers family and employment history, drug and alcohol use and patterns of behavior.

Meeting Day Change: There are still some challenges in establishing a meeting time that meets the needs of all members. For May, it was decided that Regional Services Council will meet on Friday, May 25th same time and location. However, the schedule would remain flexible to explore the best times for all members to meet. There were questions about times that would allow for more involvement by Judges as well as the possibility for members to connect to Council meetings by conference phone.

Community Partners for Child Safety: Program development is progressing. The number of active cases is increasing. The goal is to have 20-25 referrals per month and to have successful discharges.

1400 brochures were sent out. Hiring activities are still underway to fill 2 Liaison positions. There is a strong interest to fill these positions with candidates know to the community.

Child Advocacy Center: Emily Perry from the Indianapolis Institute, Inc. presented information regarding plans for the Institute to establish a Child Advocacy Center within Region 9. Plans to date have considered a regionalized center to accommodate and serve as a child friendly atmosphere. Hendricks Regional Health has offered space for this Center. The main issue continues to be identified is sustainability.

Promotion of the Finding Words Training for key players in the region such as the Prosecutors, Judges, LEA, Hospitals, Mental Health, etc. is being planned. The importance of bringing the right people to the table to discuss and plan was presented as a critical activity as well as conducting a needs assessment and getting other agencies “on board”.

Emily is applying for a grant to fund the training as well as exploring other grants and funding sources for this project and will provide information to the Regional Services Council as it becomes available.

Next Meeting:

Date: 5-25-07

Location: Hendricks Co. Department of Child Services, 6181 E. US Hwy. 36,
Avon, IN 46123

Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting concluded at 10:47 AM